



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

October 31, 1996

S. Walton Maurras, Esquire
Harper, Young, Smith & Maurras, PLC
510 North Greenwood Avenue
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72917-0205

RE: MUR 4317
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
of Fort Smith

Dear Mr. Maurras:

On March 12, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified your client of a complaint alleging a violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

On October 16, 1996, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and of information provided on behalf of your client, that there is no reason to believe the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Fort Smith violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to your client.

This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days after the file has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. G. Lerner", is written over a horizontal line.

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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